

2012-14 Hunting Season Development
Issue Scoping Survey - Final Results

Issue 2: Adding spring bear hunts in western Washington to address timber damage

Page 3, Q1. Which option would you prefer for addressing the issue of adding spring bear hunts in western Washington to address timber damage?

1	No hunting. Relocation of problem animals.	Sep 21, 2011 8:02 AM
2	Eliminate all spring bear hunts	Sep 21, 2011 7:29 AM
3	Do not hunt the bears.	Sep 21, 2011 7:13 AM
4	Stop completely	Sep 21, 2011 6:50 AM
5	eliminate all cruel hunting	Sep 21, 2011 3:54 AM
6	No added spring hunts	Sep 21, 2011 2:16 AM
7	Do away with spring hunting season	Sep 21, 2011 1:45 AM
8	let bears live in the woods-its their home. No hunting. and especially no hunting with dogs!	Sep 20, 2011 9:54 PM
9	NO HUNTING OF BEARS	Sep 20, 2011 9:53 PM
10	use supplemental Springtime feeding to control timber damage	Sep 20, 2011 9:47 PM

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11	Add 1-2 new hunts limited to master hunters only.	Sep 20, 2011 9:07 PM
12	Stop allowing the hunting of BEARS	Sep 20, 2011 9:02 PM
13	I do not support hunting ANY wild animal for sport. I don't want to see our wildlife injured or killed because of human activity or encroachment.	Sep 20, 2011 8:58 PM
14	I have little sympathy for either loggers or hunters especially when they put their selfish interests before the lives of wild animals.	Sep 20, 2011 8:49 PM
15	Leave the bears alone, use taxes to pay for damaged trees (raise my taxes if you must). Let predator/prey relationships or starvation manage bear populations	Sep 20, 2011 8:45 PM
16	Use supplemental feeding instead of spring bear hunt. I've known a lot of hunters and very few care if they orphan bear cubs--they just want the trophy.	Sep 20, 2011 8:45 PM
17	Do not authorize any new hunt areas	Sep 20, 2011 8:35 PM
18	open spring season until certain # of bears are killed	Sep 20, 2011 8:34 PM
19	Abolish hunting	Sep 20, 2011 8:17 PM
20	The amount of monetary funds lost by the bears does not compare to the value of the life of the bear itself. Instead of focusing on consumerism, focus on the welfare of the wild animal. These bears are not depleting any resource enough that it will cause serious loss to humans nor is this action threatening the lives of humans. Bear hunting should not be allowed for timber damage.	Sep 20, 2011 8:15 PM
21	no spring bear hunt	Sep 20, 2011 8:08 PM
22	Ban hunting	Sep 20, 2011 7:38 PM
23	No hunting of any animal allowed!	Sep 20, 2011 7:33 PM
24	Stop bear hunting, people should stop meddling with wildlife populations	Sep 20, 2011 7:29 PM
25	ONLY ASSHOLES AND MORONS THINK HUNTING IS SPORT AND/OR COOL	Sep 20, 2011 7:26 PM
26	Hard to believe bears do that much damage to trees	Sep 20, 2011 6:55 PM
27	relocate the bears and stop the hunting	Sep 20, 2011 6:51 PM
28	NO BLACK BEAR HUNTING...PERIOD	Sep 20, 2011 6:45 PM
29	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU). Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 6:42 PM

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30	no new spring hunts, contract for hire only within limits and without dogs.	Sep 20, 2011 6:23 PM
31	Is it known whether weather and/or loss of habitat is changing the location and problems with bears?	Sep 20, 2011 6:10 PM
32	Use other means to "control" bears instead of killing them	Sep 20, 2011 6:01 PM
33	Could commercial timber land owners either fence off areas where they have had problems, or call for wildlife services to track and re-locate bears they are having problems with? I see no need to kill the bears when they are living in wooded areas (where they should be living) and doing what they naturally do which isn't causing physical harm to humans. Any other option besides killing or causing harm to the bears should be considered please.	Sep 20, 2011 5:49 PM
34	No Bear Hunting	Sep 20, 2011 5:43 PM
35	Reduce number of spring bear permits	Sep 20, 2011 5:43 PM
36	quota based on population abundance of adults in GMU	Sep 20, 2011 5:34 PM
37	Outlaw spring bear hunts because bears are more valuable than trees	Sep 20, 2011 5:32 PM
38	Don't hunt bears	Sep 20, 2011 5:30 PM
39	eliminate altogether	Sep 20, 2011 5:28 PM
40	Stop killing bears.	Sep 20, 2011 5:27 PM
41	Do not kill bears	Sep 20, 2011 4:18 PM
42	no spring hunts	Sep 20, 2011 2:54 PM
43	see response above	Sep 20, 2011 1:16 PM
44	.	Sep 20, 2011 12:33 PM
45	other	Sep 20, 2011 12:29 PM
46	Add a general spring season and allow hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 12:18 PM
47	Tree damage is part of the circle of life and contributes to keeping the environment in balance more than killing bears.	Sep 20, 2011 11:57 AM
48	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 11:29 AM
49	Disallow bear hunting or no change	Sep 20, 2011 11:28 AM
50	Option 1 no change and make timber companies hire to handle their issues. But it would be ideal to not kill bears simply because they are performing a natural act in the woods. It actually seems ludicrous. It's one thing to manage wildlife as it relates to public safety but another very wrong thing to manage it so that big business can thrive. They make a profit--WDFW is hard on funds. Make the timber industry deal with it.	Sep 20, 2011 11:24 AM

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51	No hunting at all.	Sep 20, 2011 11:02 AM
52	Tell the timber companies too bad. Who cares if a few trees get damaged? That's what bears do. 20% of bear harvest by contractor hunters is too much, and borders on ridiculous.	Sep 20, 2011 10:59 AM
53	I don't support hunting bears	Sep 20, 2011 10:53 AM
54	No spring bear hunt at all.	Sep 20, 2011 10:50 AM
55	same as before-they should not be hunted for sport	Sep 20, 2011 10:48 AM
56	reduce hunting	Sep 20, 2011 10:44 AM
57	Don't allow Bear hunting at all.	Sep 20, 2011 10:43 AM
58	I request that the ban on the use of traditional ammunition on pheasant release sites be lifted in 2012 and beyond, and demand that there be no further unsubstantiated restrictions imposed on the use of lead in ammunition in the future.	Sep 20, 2011 9:54 AM
59	No special permits, Give out youth tags	Sep 20, 2011 9:00 AM
60	Allow for permit only hunts in the damaged areas using dogs.	Sep 20, 2011 8:32 AM
61	open the Spring hunt to hunters w/o permit	Sep 20, 2011 8:19 AM
62	Open for hunts with the aid of hounds	Sep 20, 2011 7:48 AM
63	no spring bear hunt to address timber damage	Sep 20, 2011 7:43 AM
64	no contract hunting. open a general spring season with an area quota	Sep 20, 2011 7:13 AM
65	make changes according to requests of the majority of bear hunters	Sep 20, 2011 6:41 AM
66	reduce hunting of bears, do not allow timber operators to kill bears	Sep 19, 2011 9:48 PM
67	should be closed if timber company's dont let people in there to hunt bear during the regulgar season they should get the help	Sep 19, 2011 9:12 PM
68	Allow WCO to contract services using foot snares to capture bears for disposal	Sep 19, 2011 9:08 PM
69	Bring back the hound season on the west side and statewide.	Sep 19, 2011 8:22 PM
70	May 1 through October 31	Sep 19, 2011 7:56 PM
71	open a spring season based on a call in quota system or open spring permils based on gmu's not specific areas	Sep 19, 2011 7:14 PM
72	General spring season with quota.	Sep 19, 2011 7:09 PM
73	Have the timber companies open gates during the general season so people can gain access to hunt.	Sep 19, 2011 7:09 PM
74	Allow permitted hunts with the aid of hounds for all licensed hunters, baiting	Sep 19, 2011 6:57 PM

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	should be an alternative to or in conjunction with hounds	
75	Have a general spring season	Sep 19, 2011 6:51 PM
76	As stated before ... no spring bear hunting under any circumstances. It is completely unethical.	Sep 19, 2011 5:38 PM
77	Timber companies need to have better silviculture practices. We shouldn't hunt bears in spring.	Sep 19, 2011 5:27 PM
78	Add permits for licensed hunters and approve the use of dogs. Much like the cougar permit. Reduces traffic and allows for better fulfillment of the allotted tags. No to master hunters.	Sep 19, 2011 5:15 PM
79	Eliminate all spring bear hunts -- use live traps to relocate if needed	Sep 19, 2011 4:28 PM
80	add an annual dynamic quota to be set by timber managers and wdfw. hunts are permit only and anyone with a valid bear license can apply	Sep 19, 2011 4:26 PM
81	Add new hunts but make them shotgun or archery only. Allow for registered baiting for permits	Sep 19, 2011 4:06 PM
82	Make your decisions based on biology rather than money or master hunter . Allow private land owners to make their own decisions including allowing the public to hunt their lands. If possible, allow more hound hunting across the state.	Sep 19, 2011 3:27 PM
83	Instead of contracting. let the public buy a spring tag and control the bear population that way. Make it a seperate tag. If you want to hunt in the fall buy a fall tag. It would be a money maker. Let the public try and control the population.	Sep 19, 2011 3:03 PM
84	Bring back the ability to hunt all bear hunts with dogs. The success rate is much higher. I have not killed a bear since hunting with dogs was banned	Sep 19, 2011 1:21 PM
85	open to all bear tag holders, allow the use of dogs	Sep 19, 2011 1:21 PM
86	Concern about removal of traditional lead ammunition and it's impact to hunting	Sep 19, 2011 1:19 PM
87	Open spring bear for general season in all Western Wa	Sep 19, 2011 1:13 PM
88	Add bear hunts as needed without limiting a maximum number. Never hire anybody to hunt as we can't afford it and hunters are plentiful in our area.	Sep 19, 2011 12:15 PM
89	bring back baiting and the use of dogs to anyone with a valid bear tag in the troubled areas	Sep 19, 2011 12:05 PM
90	reinstate baiting	Sep 19, 2011 10:34 AM
91	Add 3-5 new spring bear damage hunts in Region 4. Hunts are by permit-only and anyone with a valid bear license is eligible to apply. Allow spring bear permit holders to have 2 registered bait stations. This will allow for hunters to get a better look at bears which will directly affect the sow w/ cub mortality rate. Require everyone that buys a bear tag next year and for the first time after that to first successfully pass a bear identification course online. This course would cover both Grizzly and Black bears and also the difference between Sow, Cubs	Sep 19, 2011 10:16 AM

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	and Boars. Make these hunts archery or crossbow only.	
92	would like to study topic further.	Sep 19, 2011 9:59 AM
93	Add 3-5 new spring bear damage hunts in Region 4 WITH the use of dogs. Until PETA and the liberals of this state realize that man with dog has been a natural predator of the bear for thousands of years and that the ban on hounds is the #1 reason for the nuicence and damage from the increased number of bears nothing is going to change. Bear are virtually impossible to hunt without the use of bait or hounds and their numbers will continue to increase and they will continue to invade residential areas and damage property until the balance of nature is restored.	Sep 19, 2011 9:57 AM
94	reinstate hound hunting	Sep 19, 2011 9:52 AM
95	unlimited hunt on private land for damage control	Sep 19, 2011 9:43 AM
96	N/A	Sep 19, 2011 9:43 AM
97	Add 3-5 new spring bear hunts in Region 4. Hunts are by permit-only and anyone with a valid bear license may apply. General public who draw a license may use dogs at his discretion. This is a good compromise between an effective policy that is already in place, and more options available to the general public.	Sep 19, 2011 9:00 AM
98	DO NOT HUNT BEAR	Sep 19, 2011 8:59 AM
99	allow the use of dogs during fall season to help manage bear population buy uping the chances for harvest	Sep 19, 2011 8:49 AM
100	Add new sprint bear hunts. Remove permit-only restriction.	Sep 19, 2011 7:29 AM
101	open to all with bear tag	Sep 18, 2011 11:02 PM
102	being able to bait and run with hounds,all seasons.	Sep 18, 2011 9:27 PM
103	Find ways to protect trees without killing bears or other wildlife.	Sep 18, 2011 9:02 PM
104	go back to hound hunting for everyone &make all areas open aug 1 to march 31	Sep 18, 2011 8:13 PM
105	There are more humane ways of dealing with timber damage than killing more bears. There are deterrents that can at least be tried BEFORE resorting to killing bears with dogs.	Sep 18, 2011 11:06 AM
106	Public and general	Sep 17, 2011 12:50 PM
107	Open permit only hound hunting	Sep 17, 2011 11:09 AM
108	No bear hunting in the spring;whats the point except to kill.	Sep 17, 2011 10:54 AM
109	Add 3-5 new Spring Bear hunts and allow dogs like other states.	Sep 17, 2011 10:27 AM
110	don't hunt bear	Sep 17, 2011 10:20 AM
111	No opinion ask the bear hunters	Sep 17, 2011 10:00 AM

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112	Disallow using dogs to hunt bear.	Sep 17, 2011 7:31 AM
113	use licensed hunters in spring in areas when trees damaged	Sep 17, 2011 6:10 AM
114	Discontinue bear hunts "to address timber damage." Private timber owners have no right to kill wildlife for this reason.	Sep 17, 2011 4:47 AM
115	Do NOT allow DOG hunting of bears, or any Spring hunts	Sep 16, 2011 5:17 PM
116	Again not familiar with these hunts enough to give input	Sep 16, 2011 1:35 PM
117	Build better fences and use repellent. Consider feeding the bears out away from the tree farm	Sep 16, 2011 10:53 AM
118	Private timber managers hire/contract for professional services to kill black bears WITHOUT the aid of dogs in areas with timber damage.	Sep 16, 2011 10:44 AM
119	Why punish kill bears for doing what coming naturally?	Sep 16, 2011 10:33 AM
120	contracted hunters should be illegal. they kill all bears not just the problem bears. I have witnessed a hired hunter on private timber land and was offended by his attitude. He also had several people participating in the hunt that probably should not have been allowed.	Sep 16, 2011 8:54 AM
121	Absolutely no spring hunting should be allowed	Sep 16, 2011 7:40 AM
122	leave teh bears alone	Sep 16, 2011 7:13 AM
123	None	Sep 16, 2011 5:54 AM
124	open a general spring bear season to any licenced hunter	Sep 15, 2011 11:00 PM
125	Again, why do human have the right to encroach on the bears roaming grounds.	Sep 15, 2011 9:39 PM
126	No new hunt areas. No hunting with dogs.	Sep 15, 2011 9:11 PM
127	Leave bears alone.	Sep 15, 2011 9:04 PM
128	Allow only hunting w/o dogs (licensed or contract). No additional spring bear hunts which will orphan cubs.	Sep 15, 2011 7:29 PM
129	Don't hunt/kill bears at all.	Sep 15, 2011 7:09 PM
130	The idea that you would consider damage to a tree for money's sake over the life of an animal is shameful.	Sep 15, 2011 6:44 PM
131	Why should we consider reducing/harvesting a public resource (bears), when timber managers get damage on their even-aged, monocrop lands? Timber managers should either accept the damage as a consequence of their management plan, or adjust accordingly. The knowledge is available.	Sep 15, 2011 6:00 PM
132	No bear hunting in spring	Sep 15, 2011 5:59 PM
133	No bear hunting	Sep 15, 2011 5:28 PM

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134	NO HUNTING - why is this barbaric activity allowed?	Sep 15, 2011 5:20 PM
135	Decrease spring bear hunts.	Sep 15, 2011 4:50 PM
136	Decrease	Sep 15, 2011 4:43 PM
137	NO new hunts and less hunts as they currently exist.	Sep 15, 2011 4:26 PM
138	make all the killing ilegal.	Sep 15, 2011 4:25 PM
139	I think you should allow the professional hunters to do the clearing they need to and then use the quota system from the previous page	Sep 15, 2011 4:19 PM
140	stop hunting	Sep 15, 2011 4:10 PM
141	timber damage! are you competing with Texas for 'no common sense' You really want to hunt bears or increase hunting of bears because they cause tree damage. AND you want to do so on public land? Hunters with dogs? I thought Washinton State was so much better than this.	Sep 15, 2011 3:56 PM
142	timber damage by bears is a bogus claim that shouldn't be used to increase bear hunting	Sep 15, 2011 3:53 PM
143	No bear hunting - choose another alternative to control the bears	Sep 15, 2011 3:49 PM
144	no hunting	Sep 15, 2011 3:37 PM
145	i would think clear cutting and the logging industry is responsible for the timber damage. what a crock you're trying to pull	Sep 15, 2011 3:37 PM
146	Alternatives to killing	Sep 15, 2011 12:52 PM
147	no spring bear hunt	Sep 15, 2011 12:07 PM
148	Stop hunting all together!	Sep 15, 2011 10:27 AM
149	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult bear population in any GMU.	Sep 15, 2011 9:31 AM
150	No bear hunting	Sep 15, 2011 8:08 AM
151	no hunting	Sep 15, 2011 5:23 AM
152	Relocation of bears that damage timber areas.	Sep 15, 2011 2:23 AM
153	No spring bear hunt.	Sep 15, 2011 1:19 AM
154	No need to add any spring hunts.	Sep 15, 2011 12:42 AM
155	No hunting of bears. No dogs shall be used. It is inhumane. If one area in particular has a lot of damaged trees a private contractor can hunt nuisance bear . No dogs. Only if necessary . I think hunting the bears On timber lands is a sorry excuse for people to hunt bears with dogs	Sep 14, 2011 11:55 PM
156	no hunt	Sep 14, 2011 3:21 PM

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157	No Spring hunting of bears. Timber companies need better management practices.	Sep 14, 2011 1:45 PM
158	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 12% of adult bears in any GMU	Sep 13, 2011 9:52 PM
159	no bear hunting in Washington	Sep 13, 2011 6:10 PM
160	I dont hunt bear	Sep 13, 2011 4:41 PM
161	Add a general season for Black Bears with a quota.	Sep 13, 2011 4:00 PM
162	no spring hunts	Sep 13, 2011 3:52 PM
163	Levels of damage measured before any permits are issued to private timber managers or more bear hunts are authorized.	Sep 13, 2011 3:32 PM
164	allow hunting over bait this will allow the hunter time to identify the sex of the animal before the shot.	Sep 13, 2011 2:10 PM
165	Make commercial timber companies to first consider other non-lethal options to control damage: supplemental feeding, silvicultural practices to minimize opportunities for bears to be attracted to trees.	Sep 13, 2011 12:15 PM
166	This and the pre	Sep 13, 2011 12:15 PM
167	I don't believe harvesting bears is necessary to prevent timber damage: that is just a cost of doing business.	Sep 12, 2011 10:46 PM
168	DON'T CARE	Sep 9, 2011 6:19 PM
169	add at least 10 new spring bear damage hunts in region 4	Sep 8, 2011 7:39 AM
170	No hunting of bear	Sep 7, 2011 6:54 PM
171	add additional bear hunts incorporating those damage areas hunters spend enough money on special permits,by adding areas and or quotas we are being proactive land stewards and protecting the investment of concern ie. the trees	Sep 7, 2011 3:50 PM
172	n/a i don't hunt them	Sep 5, 2011 9:00 AM
173	Stop the master hunter crap.	Sep 5, 2011 6:01 AM
174	change fall season to Aug. 1-Nov. 30	Sep 3, 2011 12:42 AM
175	add five new spring bear general season hunts and quit taking permit money for overinflated budgets.	Sep 2, 2011 11:15 PM
176	Don't hunt this area so feel that I shouldn't comment	Sep 1, 2011 11:16 AM
177	PortBlakey and Weyehaeuser have closed so much land that if this land was open for fall the bears would be thined out then.	Sep 1, 2011 10:17 AM
178	Add a general spring bear hunt, with a 24 hour reporting scheme to allow hunt to be ended when quota of bears has been reached. Areas to be hunted shall be which ever privately owned lands are left ungated to full public access. Use of	Aug 31, 2011 7:44 PM

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	paid hunters shall be limited to areas that timber company management can demonstrate public disinterest in hunting in spite of reasonable access provisions; hound hunting shall be banned outright.	
179	I don't hunt bear	Aug 31, 2011 12:43 PM
180	Use of Dogs	Aug 30, 2011 2:10 PM
181	use general spring season and reporting.	Aug 29, 2011 11:25 PM
182	Add a quota based hunt in bear damage areas in the Spring.	Aug 29, 2011 11:21 PM
183	Stop Spring Bear hunts	Aug 29, 2011 6:31 PM
184	Open up a spring general season for one month and see how it goes for a couple of years. No dogs just a hunt for the regular hunter.	Aug 29, 2011 3:15 PM
185	no spring bear hunt!!	Aug 28, 2011 6:34 PM
186	Open it to all houndsmen instead of special permits.	Aug 28, 2011 5:55 PM
187	allowing a permit dog hunt	Aug 28, 2011 2:31 PM
188	remove permit only restriction.	Aug 27, 2011 1:41 PM
189	open a season to hound hunters	Aug 27, 2011 5:12 AM
190	make it a general season with 24 hour cutoff	Aug 26, 2011 6:56 PM
191	kill the master hunter program.	Aug 26, 2011 5:27 PM
192	no change is what I would prefer but just a note on the timber companies using the aid of dogs. It should not say HIRE, the hound hunters do this at a big cost to themselves. The compensation, if any is minimal.	Aug 26, 2011 1:56 PM
193	No opinion on this matter.	Aug 26, 2011 10:36 AM
194	allow the use of dogs	Aug 26, 2011 9:13 AM
195	Same as previous	Aug 25, 2011 11:05 PM
196	open general spring bear hunt	Aug 25, 2011 7:55 PM
197	again stay with the above spring general with quotas and no hired hunters	Aug 25, 2011 3:40 PM
198	Approve the use of hound hunting/bait hunting in a regulated season for licensed bear hunters from August 1 to November 1. Call in reporting for harvest.	Aug 25, 2011 11:43 AM
199	open areas for hound hunters	Aug 25, 2011 9:43 AM
200	Use licenced hunters with dogs.	Aug 25, 2011 3:27 AM
201	hound permits	Aug 25, 2011 1:47 AM
202	General season with hounds to hunt bear, no contract hunters	Aug 24, 2011 8:56 PM

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203	add 3 - 5 new spring bear damage hunts in Region 4.....permits available by application.....access fee not required for permit holders.....timber managers requiring access fee use professional culling operatives, not permit holders	Aug 24, 2011 7:33 PM
204	Or, increase all bear hunting to stop overpopulation!!!	Aug 24, 2011 6:04 PM
205	no spring bear hunt	Aug 24, 2011 5:47 PM
206	let the general public hunt	Aug 24, 2011 12:35 PM
207	Allow, at least the spring tags, if not all bear hunting to be done with the use of bait.	Aug 24, 2011 10:14 AM
208	Hound hunting	Aug 23, 2011 4:09 PM
209	There should be no added bear hunting or contract killing because of damages. As a farmer, I cannot contract out killing of deer - so why are forest owners permitted?? The responsibility of the owner should be to find other means of preventing problems, such as fencing, scare tactics, and other means. The wildlife need to meet their hunger needs without being hunted as a result.	Aug 23, 2011 2:06 PM
210	Create general season with quota and call in system	Aug 23, 2011 11:46 AM
211	New hunts over the counter tags!	Aug 23, 2011 9:48 AM
212	add 3-5 new bear hunts permit only and allow dogs to be used	Aug 23, 2011 7:45 AM
213	permit hunts allowing use of dogs	Aug 22, 2011 9:28 PM
214	Hunt by permit only for individual bears identified as causing consistent and large scale damage to timber. Occasional bear damage is part of normal timber production and should not be targeted with hunts.	Aug 22, 2011 9:18 PM
215	Allow hunters to bait bears.	Aug 22, 2011 9:11 PM
216	why add more for bear hunters when you do nothing for elk or deer!	Aug 22, 2011 7:26 PM
217	You have GOT to be kidding me. It's not like we're suffering with bears. And bears aren't destroying that many trees. What a joke. This has nothing to do with the trees. it's all politics. We need to get the politics out of the hunting and the treehuggers out of the outdoors. We need to address allowing dogs to hunt bears again to control the population, and with w/spring bear, have it with sex recognition for males only.	Aug 22, 2011 5:31 PM
218	bring back bear baiting,dogs are allowed now? phony game department bitizem	Aug 22, 2011 5:01 PM
219	open up the spring bear season for the month of March like it always has been... they cougars and coyotes will eat the orphaned cubs otherwise we'll be seeing them in school yards and on freeways	Aug 22, 2011 3:58 PM
220	have these timber companys open their lands in the fall to general hunts and no company should be allowed to harvest bears with a contract hunter	Aug 22, 2011 3:52 PM
221	No comment	Aug 22, 2011 3:19 PM

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222	I would go with option 2 above, but require specific training on female vs male bears given by volunteers (hunter safety trainers) to ensure knowledgeable hunters.	Aug 22, 2011 3:17 PM
223	Application or permit for public to use dogs in these areas	Aug 22, 2011 1:51 PM
224	no hunting with the aid of dogs.	Aug 22, 2011 12:15 PM
225	open season until desired population is achieved	Aug 21, 2011 10:05 PM
226	Allow the new units to anyone. Allow dogs.	Aug 21, 2011 3:07 PM
227	allow baiting to give hunter a better chance to determine sex	Aug 21, 2011 2:57 PM
228	Donot pay prevate timber holders for bears damage	Aug 21, 2011 9:05 AM
229	no interest in bear hunting	Aug 21, 2011 7:43 AM
230	Make a general season, no permits.	Aug 21, 2011 7:22 AM
231	Institute a general spring season, allow hunters that purchase tags to use dogs, and lower the price of bear tags.	Aug 20, 2011 4:30 PM
232	The science of W. WA Bears is unknown to me	Aug 20, 2011 3:10 PM
233	Not familiar with Region 4.	Aug 20, 2011 11:58 AM
234	provide a general spring bear hunt on forest lands.	Aug 20, 2011 11:42 AM
235	No comment	Aug 20, 2011 11:08 AM
236	Close the hunt for two years to allow for growth, man is destroying the habitat not bear, they make it look like bear so they can grow their drugs marajuana.	Aug 20, 2011 9:31 AM
237	Add 3 to 5 new spring bear damage hunts by permit only with dogs permitted.	Aug 20, 2011 8:15 AM
238	return hound hunting	Aug 20, 2011 6:24 AM
239	The current traditional ammunition restrictions pertain to quail, dove, pheasant and any upland bird hunted on the pheasant release sites. No scientific studies have been cited showing population-level impacts on any species. The WDFW seems to be acting on emotion and politics, citing the "potential" for problems associated with traditional ammunition as the basis for these far-reaching restrictions.	Aug 19, 2011 11:25 PM
240	Seems actual data about how many trees are being destroyed. Rather it sounds like fear speaking. Perhaps timber industry representatives or lobbyists are influencing? If bear populations can be controlled with fall hunts it seems better. Why spend time and energy on spring hunts? I find it hard to believe bears will destroy enough trees to concern us.	Aug 19, 2011 9:25 PM
241	Stop contract bear "killing" and allow private hunters access to company lands where bears are damaging trees.	Aug 19, 2011 8:57 PM
242	Use the hunters and save money for crying out loud! Increase the permits and	Aug 19, 2011 8:28 PM

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the season in those areas.

243	Hunt all bears until populations are reduced to a manageable level. You're just pussyfooting around a serious matter.	Aug 19, 2011 7:54 PM
244	just let any hunter with valid license & bear tag hunt	Aug 19, 2011 7:48 PM
245	N/A	Aug 19, 2011 7:38 PM
246	add a spring bear season and leave the fall season the same	Aug 19, 2011 6:03 PM
247	5 new draw tags in a lottery designed for region 4	Aug 19, 2011 6:00 PM
248	see previous	Aug 19, 2011 5:40 PM
249	Add 3-5 new spring bear damage hunts in Region 4 with an open season to any who buy a "Spring Bear Hunt" tag with a limited time on the season.	Aug 19, 2011 5:07 PM
250	Have a baiting season that is a special permit, no better way to harvest males without killing females with cubs.	Aug 19, 2011 4:04 PM
251	baiting two seasons	Aug 19, 2011 12:59 PM
252	Add 3 to 5 new spring bear damage hunts in Region 4. Hunts are by permit only and anyone with a valid bear license is eligible to apply. A designated Hunt Master must accompany the permit holder.	Aug 19, 2011 12:42 PM
253	allow bear baiting in the fall	Aug 19, 2011 12:35 PM
254	Allow a more open season to control populations and sport hunting.	Aug 19, 2011 12:06 PM
255	I agree with second choice but add with the use of dogs	Aug 19, 2011 10:47 AM
256	Tell timber companies to open gates during fall bear season and they won't have tree damage and "sustantial monetary loss".	Aug 19, 2011 10:39 AM
257	Allow hunting Bear with hounds	Aug 19, 2011 10:09 AM
258	allow hunters to bait in problem areas	Aug 19, 2011 9:03 AM
259	current options too restrictive. Have general hunts	Aug 19, 2011 9:03 AM
260	By adding new hunts will the professionals with dogs still be used? Do they need to purchase liscense and tags? Master hunters are in my opinion a group of hunters that don't obey the laws that true hunter must follow and should be done away with, as well as all special interest hunts, regaurdless of age or ability.	Aug 19, 2011 8:48 AM
261	Do not believe tree damage on commercial timber lands requires extra bear removal.	Aug 19, 2011 8:44 AM
262	No opinion. Dont hunt bears	Aug 19, 2011 8:39 AM
263	no comment	Aug 19, 2011 8:15 AM

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264	baiting	Aug 19, 2011 8:09 AM
265	do not hunt black bear	Aug 19, 2011 7:58 AM
266	I find that commercial timber contractors do far more damage to the forest than the bears. I think we should really take a look at the timber harvest procedures and management/followup on the harvesters themselves. I am not against the reasons for the harvest but do think we need to revisit the actual damage they commercial timber industry is creating. The prime example of poor timber harvest procedures and policies can be seen on the "Blanchard Hump" / Elk Chattaroy areas where I hunt.	Aug 19, 2011 7:30 AM
267	open damage areas to ANYBODY with a tag	Aug 19, 2011 7:23 AM
268	hunt until bagged	Aug 19, 2011 5:55 AM
269	No comment	Aug 18, 2011 9:57 PM
270	General Spring Season, allow baiting	Aug 18, 2011 9:41 PM
271	allowing hunting provided private land owners do not charge access fee	Aug 18, 2011 9:36 PM
272	the bear were on the land long before the public or private timber owners came and the timber survived, damage should be considered as natural event and the bears should be left to feed as they have for thousdands of years. so no damage hunts should be allowed.	Aug 18, 2011 9:25 PM
273	Prohibit private contract hunting. Set the number of permits and allow anyone to submit for a drawing, allow baiting.	Aug 18, 2011 9:07 PM
274	hound hunting	Aug 18, 2011 8:58 PM
275	Allow the hunters to use dogs. I am NOT a dog hunter, but even I recognize the decrease of Elk and Deer (new borns) because of more bear and cougar. But they were somewhat equal when the dog hunters were allowed to hunt. How much do you pay for hunters with dogs to remove unwanted pest entering public areas and towns unwanted and dangerous to families	Aug 18, 2011 8:44 PM
276	equal op, for everyone, again the most ethical all around is baiting your biologists, if they are worth there salt should be promoting this. Look at canada, new brunswick, our neighbors Idaho, this is a no brainer for anyone with a little common sence.	Aug 18, 2011 8:35 PM
277	I don't hunt bear	Aug 18, 2011 8:32 PM
278	n/a	Aug 18, 2011 8:27 PM
279	Again use Master hunters to assist State contracted houndsman to harvest the bears, the fees collected by the Master hunters could very easily offset the cost of the contracted hunters.	Aug 18, 2011 7:26 PM
280	If these timber companies are loosing SO many trees, maybe they should not close all of their lands to public recreation!!!!!! I don't believe they should be given special priveleges to have teir land protected from wildlife that has been there longer than they have (especially since they close their land to the public	Aug 18, 2011 6:49 PM

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	10 out of 12 months!!!!)	
281	leave the bear to eat in the spring, add hunting days in the fall	Aug 18, 2011 5:58 PM
282	As before	Aug 18, 2011 4:56 PM
283	Allow permit hunter to use bait. Then females w/cubs are more visable.	Aug 18, 2011 4:53 PM
284	Allow use of dogs in damaged timber areas	Aug 18, 2011 4:53 PM
285	Add new spring bear damage hunts by permit open to anyone with a valid bear license and Work with timber companys to allow access to land/area's with damage	Aug 18, 2011 3:27 PM
286	Allow baiting in all units	Aug 18, 2011 3:23 PM
287	add a minimum of 15 spring hunts to region 4 for any tag holder we must start to control the damage caused by the limiting of hound use	Aug 18, 2011 3:22 PM
288	make baiting legal	Aug 18, 2011 3:17 PM
289	No Bear hunting to protect tree's. Only life and personal property.	Aug 18, 2011 3:06 PM
290	re-introduce hound huning for bears	Aug 18, 2011 2:59 PM
291	charge a \$100.00 pursuit tag to anyone that wants to apply and kill tags based on bear p[opulation in the area	Aug 18, 2011 2:58 PM
292	Licensed hunters without dogs in tree damage areas	Aug 18, 2011 2:53 PM
293	Let everyone hunt it.	Aug 18, 2011 2:51 PM
294	not familiar with bear hunting in western wash.	Aug 18, 2011 2:47 PM
295	Fuck timber companies !!! All business has inharent risks, deal with it or get out of the business.	Aug 18, 2011 2:42 PM
296	N/A	Aug 18, 2011 2:39 PM
297	Use of hounds and you can easily manage the bears and put quotas on them.	Aug 18, 2011 2:35 PM
298	Indifferent	Aug 18, 2011 2:27 PM
299	Combination of no change option (contract hound hunters) and Master hunter permits. Possibly teaming Master hunters up with volunteer hound hunters. This would distribute the harvest, enable targeted and efficient bear removal, in addition to a new exiting oportunity for responsible hunters.	Aug 18, 2011 2:09 PM
300	no permit required, short open season	Aug 18, 2011 2:01 PM
301	NO COMMENT	Aug 18, 2011 1:58 PM
302	Season for hunting with dogs	Aug 18, 2011 1:57 PM
303	open it up to hunt without special permit.	Aug 18, 2011 1:55 PM

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304	Really? That much tree damage? Tell is how much compared to the overall tree harvest, please. Sounds like it's more a "hunters on commercial areas" concern rather than anything else. Thanks.	Aug 18, 2011 1:52 PM
305	General hunt with reporting mandate. Close hunt as quota is reached. Contract hunters with dogs should NOT be involved.	Aug 18, 2011 1:46 PM
306	No Comment (Don't Liive or Hunt Western Washington	Aug 18, 2011 1:44 PM
307	doesn't affect my hunting	Aug 18, 2011 1:42 PM
308	3-5 new hunts with anyone with a license	Aug 18, 2011 1:39 PM
309	Don't just add spring bear hunts to Region 4, it needs to be addressed state wide like in Region 5 for example the population is very volitale, high treee farm damage, and large numbers of nuisance reports and incidents, lets wake up and do the right thing manage appropriately.	Aug 18, 2011 1:34 PM
310	Allow dogs to harvest a quota of bears in the problem area	Aug 18, 2011 11:41 AM
311	Change th dates for spring bear. Most bears are not peeling in April, its more like end of May and June. I believe harvest numbers are very low in western Washington for spring bear.	Aug 18, 2011 9:13 AM
312	Only as needed	Aug 17, 2011 9:55 PM
313	Allow the use of Bait during Spring seasons only if the permit holder is willing to pay a premium for the bait permit. You provide a way to increase revenue along with ensuring only sows without cubs are harvested. I would be willing to pay a much high price knowing I would be able to bait and better judge my bear.	Aug 17, 2011 3:22 PM
314	Allocate some of the added hunts/permits to archers. Allow baiting for the archery only permits.	Aug 17, 2011 3:18 PM
315	do not hunt in this season	Aug 17, 2011 3:17 PM
316	No hunting with dogs or traps. We are harvesting to much forest, particularly in sensitive watersheds	Aug 17, 2011 1:54 PM
317	No real preference but tree-damaging bears are usually very specific animals and cubs may learn this feeding behavior from their sow - target the problem animals and not all bears because of a few bad bears...	Aug 17, 2011 1:43 PM
318	hound hunting or baiting premits, both methods are good ways selectively harvest bear	Aug 17, 2011 1:21 PM
319	A permit process but free to apply	Aug 17, 2011 1:03 PM
320	general open season Sept 1 to March 1	Aug 17, 2011 12:34 PM
321	Use bait can be more selective of animals taken	Aug 17, 2011 11:35 AM
322	BAIT	Aug 16, 2011 10:29 PM
323	Why do contract hunters get to use dogs and not the public. If the ban is good for	Aug 16, 2011 3:41 PM

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	the general public then ban the contract hunter from using dogs.	
324	Private timber companies must provide WDFW a nuber of special permits to be awarded through the application process on thier land equal to the number they harvest independently.	Aug 16, 2011 3:07 PM
325	let us bait bears once again	Aug 16, 2011 2:45 PM
326	Add 3-5 new spring bear damage hunts in Region 4. Hunts are by permit-only and are limited to Master Hunters only. No dogs allowed.	Aug 16, 2011 2:41 PM
327	BRING BACK BAITING	Aug 16, 2011 1:43 PM
328	no opinion	Aug 16, 2011 1:22 PM
329	allow hound hunters and bring back the hound permit	Aug 16, 2011 12:44 PM
330	Allow Baiting. Very difficult to hunt bear in Reprod.	Aug 16, 2011 11:08 AM
331	statewide spring bear permits chelan county has a huge problem with spring bears	Aug 16, 2011 10:34 AM
332	Again, work with State to allow hunting over bait.	Aug 16, 2011 9:22 AM
333	Open up spring damage bear hunts to all licensed hunters like it used to be back in the 1970's. If hounds and baiting are not allowed it takes many hunters to kill few bear. The females "teach" there cubs to girdle trees in search of nutriants. Females and cubs should be allowed to be harvested during this hunt.	Aug 16, 2011 8:39 AM
334	No Sprring bear hunt but add dogs and bait to the Fall hunt for the genral hunting population	Aug 16, 2011 8:29 AM
335	Open a general hunt for any license holder and set a quota with 24-hour call-in.	Aug 16, 2011 8:03 AM
336	The spring bear season is great, if we could get rid of the hidden charges from the timber companies	Aug 16, 2011 7:27 AM
337	Bring back the use of Hounds and the use of Bait	Aug 16, 2011 7:25 AM
338	allow baiting, this allows better sex identification and offers clearer more closer shots resulting in fewer lost wounded animals.	Aug 16, 2011 6:44 AM
339	add 3-5 new hunts and split between everyone and master hunters, permit-only, allow baiting to reduce killing mothers. Ask private timber companys to supply the pass for the hunters, instead of the hunter paying for it. after all it would be cheaper. Maybe open a hunt that hunters can chase bears with dogs.	Aug 16, 2011 6:08 AM
340	Damage hunts in regions 5 & 6. Landowners need authorization to harvest bears which are damaging their trees or getting into garbage cans.	Aug 16, 2011 5:58 AM
341	Long fall season. 24 hour online/phone report. Close when harvest is reached.	Aug 16, 2011 4:44 AM
342	Bating or hounds would be fantastic. Stop letting liberals that don't know anything about wildlife managment tell you how to do your job.	Aug 16, 2011 3:26 AM

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343	Profit should not dictate the hunting season. Human safety, Maybe... in my experience the timber company can hire/ contract anyone with the desire to kill a bear, to be permitted to hunt their land in the off season. the timber company should be able to sell permits to access their own land and we can buy permit from them, Based on a cap by the dfwls	Aug 15, 2011 9:53 PM
344	no personal interest in bear hunting	Aug 15, 2011 9:49 PM
345	no dogs for bear hunting	Aug 15, 2011 8:51 PM
346	Add a general season for spring bear in Region 4.	Aug 15, 2011 8:36 PM
347	Open season with a license and tag.	Aug 15, 2011 8:21 PM
348	Open general over the counter spring season in specific GMU's. Let the private timber companies decide their own preference for access.	Aug 15, 2011 8:18 PM
349	not interested in	Aug 15, 2011 8:15 PM
350	add more permits to region 5 and 6	Aug 15, 2011 8:15 PM
351	General season NO permit only .	Aug 15, 2011 8:10 PM
352	Add 3-5 new spring bear hunts in Region 4. Hunts are limited to Master Hunters only, reporting harvest within 24hrs	Aug 15, 2011 7:32 PM
353	Open a general spring bear season	Aug 15, 2011 5:41 PM
354	add permits with the use of dogs	Aug 15, 2011 5:30 PM
355	add 3 to 5 permit only hunts. Make vehicle access available to successful applicants.	Aug 15, 2011 1:32 PM